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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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Examiner: Justin R. FISCHER

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For: **STEEL CORD FOR THE REINFORCEMENT OF A RUBBER ARTICLE AND TIRE**

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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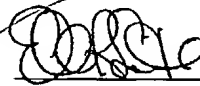
The remaining rejections are directed to the dependent claims. These claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, by virtue of their dependency therefrom.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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